

Columbia Gorge Economic Symposium

Thursday, November 2, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

Hegewald Center, 710 SW Rock Creek Dr, Stevenson, WA

Agenda

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for refreshments and networking.

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
Ken Bailey, Board Chair, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District
- 9:15 a.m. Opening Remarks
Jason Spadaro, President, SDS Lumber
- 9:35 a.m. Local Data, Regional Trends and Economic Forecasts
Scott Bailey, Washington Regional Economist
Dallas Fridley, Oregon Regional Economist
- 10:25 a.m. Panel Discussion: Current and Future Reality for the Gorge's Forest and Wood Products Sector
How can we support collaboration, stewardship and innovation in this industry?

Moderated by Lisa Naas Cook with Panelists:

- *Jon Paul Anderson, High Cascade/ WKO Inc.*
- *Trevor McConchie, Washington Department of Natural Resources*
- *Jay McLaughlin, Mt. Adams Resource Stewards*
- *Jeff Nelson, Nelson Brothers Engineering*
- *Emily Platt, US Forest Service*
- *Bob Sourek, Bear Mountain Forest Products*
- *Wayne Vineyard, Port of Klickitat, retired Hancock Timber Resource Group*

12:00 p.m. Connecting with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2017
Amanda Hoey, Executive Director, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District

12:30 p.m. Adjourn and networking

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